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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.53 and in keeping with the guidance of 37 CFR 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified

application, Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-

This information was cited in a Singapore Search Report dated August 28, 2003, and it is hereby certified that this disclosure is being made within three months of that date.

No final office action has been received in this application.

United States Patent Application 5,822,527, Post, relates to an information stream filtration system for use in a data processing system that uses a predefined set of filter rules applied to field names and output from a selected interface module which thereby transfers messages of a selected information stream to the filtered data section and uses only one interface module for each application program and is thereby accessing the information stream of the application program.

United States Patent 6,141,755, Dowd et al., relates to a fire wall security system for a high-speed circuit switched computer network that processes a control message to determine a routing information to route data based on the signaling message between the external and the internal network and the bifurcation of the network into external and internal networks to enable separate parallel authentication for the networks and hence high-speed authentication.

PCT Application WO 00/65513 A2, Eldreth, relates to a

computer implemented information transfer method for on-line service providers that involves the processing of selection rules stored in a database to identify the dataflow whose contents are then sent to the client computers enabling implementation in one or more computer programs that are executable on the programmable system.

Respectfully submitted,

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